

**Notice of Negotiations  
San Juan-Chama Project  
Repayment Contract with  
Taos Pueblo.**

Pursuant to the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Act of 2010, the United States Bureau of Reclamation proposes to contract with Taos Pueblo for an allocation of 2,215 acre-feet of San Juan-Chama Project water. The Settlement Act authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Interior to execute the Taos Pueblo Indian Water Rights Settlement Agreement, and to enter into these repayment contracts. A negotiation meeting for the contract will be held on Monday November 21, 2011 at 1 p.m. at Taos Pueblo CMS Administration Building, 1075 Veterans' Highway.

The Settlement Agreement resolves Taos Pueblo's water rights claims in the Rio Pueblo de Taos and Rio Hondo stream systems, tributaries to the Rio Grande. The settlement will fulfill the rights of Taos Pueblo consistent with Federal trust responsibility. A contract with the Bureau of Reclamation is required for an entity to receive an allocation of San Juan-Chama Project water.

All negotiations are open to the public as observers. There will be a 30-minute public question and comment session immediately following the negotiation session. The proposed contract is available here for review. It will also be available at the negotiation meeting, or can be obtained by contacting Terina Perez of the Bureau of Reclamation, 555 Broadway NE, Suite 100, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102; telephone (505) 462-3614 or e-mail at [tlperez@usbr.gov](mailto:tlperez@usbr.gov). comments or questions should also be directed to Terina Perez.